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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Is There New Development  
Planned For Your Neighborhood?  
Turn To Page 4 And Find Out How Your  
Neighborhood Association Can Get Help With  
Proposed Land Use In Your Area

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Increasing Communication Between Neighborhood Associations."



### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS/NEW OFFICERS

The Office of Neighborhood Coordination "welcomes" new presidents of neighborhood associations and says a "special thank you" to outgoing presidents. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to the improvement of the life-style of your neighborhood.

#### **Neighborhood Association**

District 4 Coalition  
La Luz Del Sol  
Ladera West  
Mark Twain  
Monkbridge Gardens  
Sabino Canyon  
Tanoan Comm. East  
Vista Del Mundo  
Vista Grande  
Winterwood Park HOA

#### **"Welcome" to Incoming President**

Robert Gurule  
Alan Przybylinski  
Bob McCannon  
Paul Schentrup  
Karen Glinksi  
Shelly Davis  
Alexa Tysseling  
Dennis Roach  
Ted Schmidt  
Victor Valdez

#### **"Thanks" to Outgoing President**

Doug Fenton  
Edward Totoro  
Dan Serrano  
Mike Hatchell  
Tonya Lantrip  
Bruce Krummel  
Carole Pigaty  
Gina Bell  
Berent Groth  
Don Glidewell

- *Broadway Central Corridors Partnership, Inc. regained their "Recognized" status on January 19, 2006.*
- *Ladera West Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on January 27, 2006.*
- *Jade Park Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on February 7, 2006.*
- *Monkbridge Gardens Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on February 6, 2006.*
- *San Gabriel Area Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on January 18, 2006.*
- *Vista Del Mundo Neighborhood Association regained their "Recognized" status on February 2, 2006.*

### **NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION(S)**

The *West La Cueva Neighborhood Association* is located in *City Council District 4, Police Beat – 433/NE, County Commission District 4*. The contacts for this association are *Patrick Driscoll and Steven Driscoll*. The *West La Cueva Neighborhood Association* became recognized on *1/27/06*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

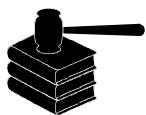
The *Oxbow Village Homeowners Association* is located in *City Council District 1 and 5, Police Beat – 132, 135/WS, County Commission District 1*. The contacts for this association are *Richard Shine and Marlene Seaton*. **Welcome Aboard!!**

**Just a Reminder:** We will need the original Annual Report **AND** a copy of the announcement of your Annual Meeting submitted to our office **before** your Annual Report will be approved for the year. Please call Dalaina at 924-3906 for further information. Please make sure that you have the correct addresses listed for your officers on your Annual Report. Annual Reports for the following months are due:

December Annual Reports are due:	March 1, 2006
January Annual Reports are due:	April 1, 2006
February Annual Reports are due:	May 1, 2006

**ATTENTION:** When submitting your yearly Annual Report please mail to our physical street address below:

Planning Department/Office of Neighborhood Coordination  
**Attention: Dalaina Carmona**  
600 Second Street NW, Rm. 120 (Basement Level)  
Albuquerque, NM 87102



## Across The City

### Metro Court

Submitted by Janet Blair



#### New Judge at Metropolitan Court

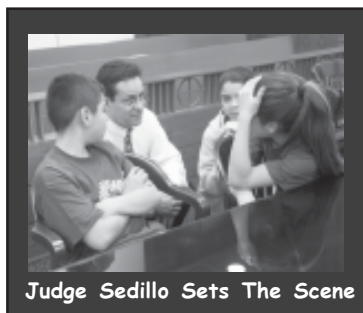
New Criminal Division IV Judge Julie N. Altwies takes the oath of office from NM Supreme Court Justice Edward L. Chavez. Her husband, center, Bernalillo County District Court Judge Michael Kavanaugh, holds the Bible. Judge Altwies was appointed to the bench by the governor in December.



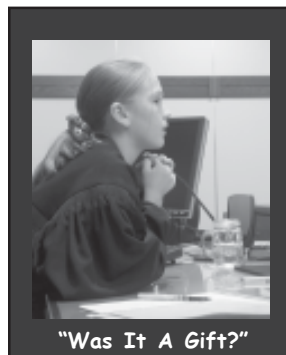
Judge Altwies  
Takes The Oath

#### Mock Trial: The Case of the Autographed Basketball

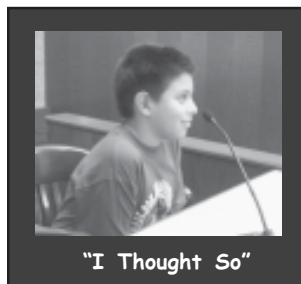
When students come to the Metropolitan Court to learn about our judicial system, nothing gets to the point faster than doing a mock trial. In this case, Judge Frank Sedillo lays out the case of the autographed basketball for Pat Baskin's class at East San Jose Elementary School. Was it given as a gift, or was it taken? The kids present witnesses, take testimony and the jury decides.



Judge Sedillo Sets The Scene



"Was It A Gift?"



"I Thought So"



The Defense Rests

Mock trials can be part of a tour package for school groups. Tours can be arranged by calling **Janet Blair** at 841-9897 or email at [JBlair@metrocourt.state.nm.us](mailto:JBlair@metrocourt.state.nm.us).

## National Hispanic Cultural Center

**CARNAVAL** is a celebration of life that takes place annually in Cuba, Brazil, Trinidad, and New Orleans (Mardi Gras), as well as in other parts of the world. It is by far one of the world's most widespread celebrations, and one of its biggest parties. This year **CARNAVAL** is celebrated at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, in an evening of sensational music, dance, and costumes, hosted by Frank Leto with his band Pandemonium and Pilar Leto with her Odara Dance Ensemble, and featuring César Bauvallet on trombone and percussion.

The celebration begins with a set of folkloric music from Brazil featuring songs and dances for the African gods (*orixas*) Exu, Ogun, and Oxum; Maculele, a style of stick fighting that developed from working in the sugar cane fields; Capoeira, a form of Brazilian martial arts accompanied by the *berimbau*, a single-stringed instrument; and Samba de Roda, an early style of samba that often takes place within a circle. These performances showcase traditional costumes and choreography.

The second set is dedicated to the music and dance of **CARNAVAL**, beginning with the Calypso music of Trinidad, which features steel drums, instruments made entirely from the bottoms of 55-gallon oil barrels. Next is the *comparsa*, sometimes called the conga, a mixture of exciting rhythms and brass used to celebrate **CARNAVAL** in Cuba. Pandemonium will conclude the evening with samba Caricoa-style, or Brazilian samba street music, sometimes called *batucada*. This style of samba features the dance and costumes made famous by Brazil, and showcases unusual Brazilian instruments such as the *cuica* (friction drum) *surdo*, *agogotamborín*, *repique*, and other percussion instruments that make samba such an exciting form of dance.

**What:** CARNAVAL Celebration

**When:** Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 8 p.m.

**Where:** NHCC Roy E. Disney Center for Performing Arts  
Albuquerque Journal Theatre



Pilar Leto of the Odara Dance Ensemble

For additional information contact: Danny López, NHCC Marketing Director, at 505-246-2261 x 120 or [danny.lopez@state.nm.us](mailto:danny.lopez@state.nm.us) or visit the NHCC website at [www.nhccnm.org](http://www.nhccnm.org).



# NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP

## ACROSS THE FENCE

### New Land Use Process Help for Neighborhoods

*Submitted By Don Newton, Neighborhood Liaison  
Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC)*

I am happy to have rejoined the staff at ONC as the Neighborhood Liaison. Thanks to the neighborhood associations, development community and city staff for warmly welcoming me back. The question remains - "What does the person in this position do, what brought about the need for it and how can you help?"

I believe that the citizens of Albuquerque are fortunate to have good land use processes with a community wide Comprehensive Plan. The neighborhoods have a City office (ONC) that performs many functions to help neighborhoods. One major function is to help facilitate communication between our many neighborhoods, developers/land owners and the City. And finally we have a great process for resolution of potential conflicts involving neighborhoods and the private sector with the City's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Programs of Land Use Facilitation and Community Mediation.

But for many years, seasoned neighborhood land use activists and members of the development community lamented that the City's process was not broken but needed some major tuning. In 2003, Mayor Martin Chavez, appointed three (3) citizens to serve as a development review committee: a retired City Planning Director, a retired Public Works Director and an active neighborhood association and coalition activist. After many busy months of research and countless interviews with neighborhoods, land owners, developers, architects, engineers, city councilors, mayor's staff plus city and other agency staff, the committee published their report. In the report were forty-two (42) issues and many recommendations that addressed methods to improve our land use development process.

Mayor Chavez then convened a Land Use Town Hall that was attended by more than 150 neighborhood association activists, members of the development community and city staff. A good portion of the day was spent reviewing, discussing, and making suggestions about the report with ways to improve the process in general. Some of the recommendations were put into effect almost immediately with the remainder set as short and long-range goals.

One of the remaining issues was what could the City do and/or what procedures could be put in place to initiate earlier dialog between the parties with regards to site specific land uses. Many believed that the certified mail sent to the recognized

NA's just prior to the developer coming to the planning desk with their project application was often too late. Very important, but was too late in the process. The developer was often far enough into the project planning that effective change requests made by the community were more difficult to consider. Likewise, the neighborhood may not have been as receptive of the project if their perception was that they didn't really have meaningful input into a project that affected their community. "Let's talk earlier in the process" was an often-cited solution.

Currently, I encourage the developers to always attend the Pre-Application Review Team Meetings so that we can initiate the contact with the community. I am now working on a couple development projects that we have purposefully began earlier dialog. The agent came to me to help initiate a small meeting with the neighborhood land use gurus. The neighborhood heard and saw preliminary plans of the project. The developer then heard some of the community's concerns and suggestions and was able to leave with some ideas

for his architects, engineers and land owner to research. I then knew what information the neighborhood might need to enable them to make a good educated decision: Sector Plans, Zone Code Information, Traffic Management Program, etc. Additional meetings were held and compromises made because more accurate information was exchanged. City facilitated meetings were held that produced reports. Neighborhoods wrote the EPC with recommendations for approval abet some minor concerns. Will this be the result all of the time - probably not - but I honestly believe, along with many developers and NA's, that earlier dialog will help us all build a better Albuquerque.

Our office will continue to recommend projects to the City's facilitation program. The facilitation process produces a written report that becomes part of the record. This could help eliminate any future "He said ....she said".

I look forward to using my twenty-five (25) years experience as a multi-year neighborhood and coalition president, as a former developer and with over ten years in ONC. I will continue to advise and educate NA's, developers and city staff on all aspects of the land use and development processes. I love to teach. Let's all work to improve the methods we use to affectively communicate with one another.

This new position is a work in progress, so please call or e-mail me with your suggestions at **924-3908** or [<dnewton@cabq.gov>](mailto:dnewton@cabq.gov).



**The Pre-Application Review Team (PRT)  
Peruse Proposed Plans**



NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



**From The  
Manager's Desk**  
*by Herb Howell*

**The Role Of The  
Neighborhood  
Association Secretary**

Many interpretations of the role of your neighborhood association secretary are being passed around based on what people think they should be doing. When the Office of Neighborhood Coordination is asked for advice and direction on the roles of officers, we refer to our training materials, which are largely based on quotes from Roberts Rules of Order.

Fundamentally, the Secretary is the official record keeper of the organization. The duties extend well beyond the keeping of the minutes, which I will describe later. It is NOT to be an account of every word stated in the meeting or have literary interpretation, which editorialized judgments about what and how it was said.

Minutes are to record the actions taken at the meeting. They serve as the institutional memory for the organization. This is because you have them to refer back to; they prevent a group from doing the same thing over and over. Minutes serve as a record of what was decided at the meeting. If the organization gets involved in a lawsuit, the minutes are one of the first documents that all parties will request.

**What Should Be Included  
In The Minutes:**

- Kind of meeting (Regular, Special, Annual General Meeting – AGM).
- Name of the organization.
- Date, time, and place of the meeting.
- Names of the presiding officer and secretary, or in their absence, the names of the substitutes.
- Approximate numbers of members present (optional).
- The establishment of a quorum (optional).
- Record of the action taken on the minutes of the previous meeting.
- The exact wording of each main motion as it was voted on, and whether it passed or failed, along with the name of the maker.
- Any notice given at the meeting. Previ-

ous notice is something required, such as notice was given at the meeting, it should be included in the minutes.

- Points of order and appeals.
- Committee reports, the name of the committee, and the reporting member. If the committee provides a printed report, attach it to the minutes and note that it is attached.
- The hour of adjournment.

**What Should Not Be Included  
In The Minutes:**

- The opinion or interpretation of the secretary.
- Judgmental phrases such as “heated debate” or “valuable comment”.
- Discussion. Minutes are a record of what was done at the meeting, not what was said at the meeting.
- Motions that were withdrawn.
- Name of person who seconded a motion.
- Flowery language.
- Report in details.
- Transcripts of the meeting. A transcript should never substitute as minutes of the meeting.

Minutes are made official only after they are approved, which usually takes place at the next meeting. If your association frequently makes changes to the minutes, you might want to send out the initial unapproved set with the word “DRAFT” clearly printed on them. When they have been changed and approved the minutes can be sent out.

After the minutes have been corrected and approved by the membership, they should be signed by the secretary (the President’s signature it not required). The word “approved” and the “date of the approval” should also be included.

The official copy of the minutes is the property of the organization and should be kept by the secretary. Next month’s issue will include additional duties.



**Neighborhood  
Workshop Corner**

**Land Use and Zoning  
Workshop**

**Saturday, February 25, 2006**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Plaza Del Sol Hearing Room**

This workshop is designed to increase your knowledge and understanding of all the aspects of the Zoning and Housing Codes, Land Use Matters, Facilitation Issues at the various hearing boards as they relate to neighborhood areas. We utilize the Planning Department division managers, senior staff members and other Department staff to provide this informative training on how the Office of Neighborhood Coordination (ONC) works with each hearing board and neighborhood associations on various projects.

**Neighborhood Association**

**Patrol Training**

**Saturday, March 11, 2006**

**9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**APD Training Academy**

Community Policing is a philosophy, which recognizes the mutual dependence and shared responsibility of the police and community in making Albuquerque safer and more livable. Neighborhood Association Patrols are not in and of themselves community policing, but one tool that may be selected by neighborhoods to maintain or improve safety in the Neighborhood.

**Registration for all workshops closes at 12 noon the day before the training.**

You may register for workshops by calling ONC at **924-3914**, by fax at **924-3913** or on-line at:

**<<http://www.cabq.gov/planning/nbr/workshop.html>>.** Please pre-register.

To accomodate all workshop participants, you **must be pre-registered** to attend these workshops. Registration includes your name, address, telephone number and association. We appreciate your consideration and cooperation.

## NEIGHBORHOOD SCOOP continued



### A Message From The Mayor

Martin J. Chávez, Mayor

#### Time to "Fix" Our Pet Overpopulation Problem

You may have heard me talking about the importance of Albuquerque's spay/neuter program over the last several years. Some people may wonder why this initiative is so important and why I am so committed to stopping euthanasia of adoptable pets.

I believe how we deal the problem of pet over population and the harsh reality of euthanasia in our city's animal shelters cuts to the question of who we are as a community in Albuquerque. The truth is, animal care is an important issue to all of us in our communities and neighborhoods, not just for the pets, but for individual people and families.

Last fiscal year we had to euthanize 15,988 cats and dogs. I have always held a strong commitment to protect the most vulnerable in our community, and this is part of honoring that commitment. Of these nearly 16,000 euthanized animals, a staggering majority of them were adoptable; cats and dogs that could have made a welcome companion to someone in your neighborhood, pets that had to be put to sleep because the dog and cat populations here in Albuquerque and the surrounding jurisdictions are so over populated. This does not have to be the harsh reality of animal control in the Duke City. It is part of my vision to make Albuquerque a Live Exit City (a city that does not euthanize any adoptable animals) before my term is up.

So how do we improve this situation and make it more humane? The answer in broad terms is that we must promote responsible pet ownership across our city. We need to start by having all of our pets spayed or neutered. If you have a pet that has not been spayed or neutered yet,

*PLEASE* do not delay, make an appointment to have your animal spayed or neutered today. For assistance please call 311 to get more information or help with having your pet spayed or neutered. I may start to sound like Bob Barker, without offering you prizes for correctly guessing prices of everyday consumer items, but it really is crucial. Animals that have not been spayed or neutered are the single biggest reason we have to euthanize nearly 16,000 animals a year. Once we have every cat and dog in the city spayed or neutered we can more readily get a handle on the huge problem of pet over-crowding.

The other important step in making Live Exit Albuquerque is increasing the number of pet adoptions from our animal shelters. I plan to make this more accessible to people all across our city by setting up an Adoption Center. Outlets away from the shelter that will focus on showing off the wonderful adoptable pets we have available for responsible pet owners to take home.

The good news is that we are already doing better. The number of live exits increased 8% in fiscal year '05 and 18% in fiscal year '04. Good job Albuquerque, keep it up and let's work together to make Live Exit Albuquerque a reality. I ask you to join me by doing what you can. Adopt a pet from the city's animal shelter. If you already have a pet, consider adopting just one more companion pet. Have your pet spayed or neutered. Encourage your friends and family to avoid the puppy mills and pet stores when they want a new pet; adopt from the city's animal shelter. And soon, we'll be able to affordably microchip your pet, so if your pet gets lost the city will be able to reunite you when we pick your animal up. If you do any of these things you will be part of making Albuquerque a more safe and humane place to live. Now that's Making History!



### Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement

On **Tuesday, March 14, 2006**, the Mayor's Office of Volunteerism & Engagement (**MOVE**), **VOLUNTEER!** Albuquerque, and the Public Service Company of New Mexico will host a seminar for individuals involved in volunteer management. Mary Merrill, a skilled trainer and facilitator, will combine keen insights and techniques with proven methods for developing effective volunteer programs.

Volunteer managers are invited to join us for a hands-on interactive session where they will learn about developing a targeted recruitment plan; barriers that impact long-term retention of volunteers; creating a checklist for managing volunteers; and ways to reward volunteers on a budget. The seminar will take place at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum. The cost is \$40 for the full day (lunch included), or \$25 for half day (no lunch). Please contact Debra Saine at <[dsaine@cabq.gov](mailto:dsaine@cabq.gov)> or **767-5815** for more information.



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**If you have a disability and will need special assistance to benefit from any of the meetings, hearings or workshops, etc., appearing in this newsletter, contact the office sponsoring the event two weeks prior to the date of the meeting you plan to attend. When ever possible, TTY phone numbers will be listed. TTY users may call any phone number listed in this publication via Relay New Mexico at 1-800-659-8331.**

**City Council**

Council staff may be reached at **768-3100**. The agenda for an upcoming council meeting may be checked by calling **768-3100** after 1 p.m. on the Friday immediately prior to the council meeting. The City Council's fax number is **768-3227**. Agendas, Action Items and Summaries are available on the Council's webpage at <[www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html](http://www.cabq.gov/council/counsched.html)>.

**A Message From Your  
City Council****The City's  
Annual Objectives Bill**

The City Charter specifies that the City Council, in its role as a policy setting body, shall annually review and adopt One-Year Objectives related to the Five-Year Goals of the City. To carry out this mandate, an annual Objectives Resolution is created jointly by the Mayor and the City Council, with support and recommendations from City departments. This year that bill is R-06-20, which is scheduled to be heard at the City Council meeting of February 22, 2006.

The objectives included in R-06-20 describe, in specific and measurable terms, the results a City programs is expected to achieve towards one of the City's Five-Year Goals. As a rule, each objective is attainable within a specified period of time, usually one or two fiscal years. The One-Year Objectives included in R-06-20 will help to shape the City's future operating and capital budgets.

Some examples of objectives the City Council will consider for FY/07 are as follows:

**Cultural Services**

- Initiate review of existing proposals and develop story line, exhibit plan, and schedule for completion of Phase II exhibits for the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum by the end of FY/07. Provide a progress report to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the second quarter, FY/07.

**Transit**

- Develop an enhanced ADA certification process for Mini Ride to meet changing mandates and community needs efficiently and effectively. Present the cost benefit analysis to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the second quarter, FY/07.

**Family and Community Services**

- Complete the exterior renovations of the Thomas Bell Community Center and dependent on resources, design and go to bid on the construction of a gymnasium by the end of the third quarter of FY/07. Provide a report to the Mayor and Council as soon as a determination is made on the adequacy of resources to accomplish these tasks or no later than the end of the third quarter, FY/07.

**Senior Affairs**

- Dependent upon results of the cost benefit analysis to be completed in FY/06, including both service improvement and cost effectiveness, develop a master plan to construct a centralized kitchen by the end of FY/07; submit the analysis by the end of the first quarter, FY/07; submit the plan, if supported by the ROI analysis, by the end of FY/07.

**Parks and Recreation**

- Improve turf conditions at the Ladera Golf Course through soil amendment, irrigation system renovations and more intensive attention to maintenance. Submit a status report to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the fourth quarter FY/07:

**Environmental Health**

- Develop a business case of the current practices of food borne illness mitigation and consumer health protection and compare to a risk based approach. Analyze the sites and causes of illnesses and align to City services. Submit the analysis to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the second quarter, FY/07.

**Office of Economic Development**

- Work with APS and the State of New Mexico to develop and address capital needs of Charter Schools as an essential element of the Albuquerque educational system. Report on progress to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the third quarter, FY/07.

**Aviation**

- Cooperate with AFD in preparation of the to-be-approved Fire Master Plan and include a Double Eagle II facility that addresses specialized airport rescue, structural firefighting, and EMS rescue capabilities by the end of the second quarter, FY/07.

**Fire**

- Based on the results of the long term Master Plan, develop an implementation plan using public safety revenues to address needs of underserved areas, including anticipated growth patterns. Provide the plan to the Mayor and City Council by the end of the second quarter, FY/07.

**Police**

- Expand the Red Light Photo Enforcement Program by identifying the highest impact intersections and implementing a Mobile Photo Traffic Speed Enforcement Program in school zones to the extent possible with revenues produced from existing and planned Enforcement sites. Provide a report to the Mayor and City Council at the end of the second and fourth quarters, FY/07.

**Municipal Development**

- Complete construction of Paseo del Norte extension from Golf Course Road to Kimmick by the end of FY/07 and provide a progress report to the Mayor and City Council at that time.


**Planning**

- Complete design of priority streetscapes identified in the Highland Central / Upper Nob Hill Plan by the end of the fourth quarter of FY/07 and report to the Mayor and City Council.

**Solid Waste Management**

- Develop a plan to acquire land surrounding the Cerro Colorado Landfill for future expansion and for acquisition of land for a new Westside convenience center and submit the plan and a status report to the Mayor and City Council by the second quarter, FY/07.



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<b>Monday, February 20</b> <b>•President's Day</b> <b>CITY OFFICES</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 1</b> •AAB – 9 a.m. •DRB – 9 a.m. •District 7 Coalition – 7 p.m. •Westside Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Thursday, March 9</b> •GWPAB – 8:30 a.m. •TAB – 9 a.m. •FBF - 11:45 a.m. •EPC Study Session – 4 p.m. •POC – 4 p.m. •SVCNA – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, March 20</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> •GARTC – 4:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, March 6</b> •City Council – 5 p.m.	<b>Monday, March 13</b> •GABAC – 4:30 p.m. •SWAN – 6:30 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, March 21</b> •GARTC - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, February 22</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m. •City Council – 5 p.m. •EPC Pre-Hearing – 1:30 p.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, March 8</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m. •LUCC – 3 p.m. •AQCB – 5:15 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, March 14</b> •ZHE – 9 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, March 22</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •SEPC – 9 a.m.
<b>Monday, February 27</b> •City Council – 5 p.m. (Tentative)		<b>Wednesday, March 15</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •ADC – 3 p.m. •District 4 Coalition – 7 p.m.	<b>Thursday, March 23</b> •District 8 Coalition – 7 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, February 28</b> •BOA – 9 a.m.		<b>Thursday, March 16</b> •EPC Public Hearing – 8:30 a.m.	<b>Monday, March 27</b> •City Council – 5 p.m. (Tentative) <b>Tuesday, March 28</b> •BOA – 9 a.m. <b>Wednesday, March 29</b> •DRB – 9 a.m. •LEPC – 9 a.m.



**2006 CALENDAR LEGEND**

**AAB** - Airport Advisory Board, Aviation Department Executive Conference Room, **244-7700**  
**ACTMI** - Advisory Committee on Transit for the Mobility Impaired - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-8932**  
**ADC** - Albuquerque Development Commission - Hearing Room, Basement Level, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second Street NW  
**AQCB** - Air Quality Control Board, Council Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall  
**BOA** - Board of Appeals, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW  
**City Council** - Council/Commission Chambers, Basement Level, City Hall  
**District 4 Coalition** - Cherry Hills Library, 6901 Barstow NE  
**District 6 Coalition** - Cesar Chavez Community Center, 7505 Kathryn SE  
**District 7 Coalition** - Sandia High School, Teacher's Lounge, 7801 Candelaria NE  
**District 8 Coalition** - James Joseph Dwyer Memorial Substation, 12700 Montgomery NE  
**DRB** - Development Review Board, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second Street NW, Basement Level  
**EPC** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level  
**EPC Pre-Hearing** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room  
**EPC Study Session** - Environmental Planning Commission, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Third Fl. Conf. Room  
**FBF - FeedBack Forum**, Planning Department, Plaza del Sol, 600 Second St. NW, Hearing Room, Basement Level, **Richard Dourte, 924-3999**  
**GABAC** - Greater Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Committee, City Hall, Room 302, **768-2680**  
**GARTC** - Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee - Locations vary, call **768-5308** for information  
**GWPAB** - Ground Water Protection Advisory Board - Room 302 City/County Building, 400 Marquette NW  
**LEPC** - Local Emergency Planning Committee - 11510 Sunset Gardens SW, **833-7300** or <[www.lepcabqbernc.org](http://www.lepcabqbernc.org)> for more information  
**LUCC** - Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, 600 Second St. NW, Basement Level  
**North Valley Coalition** - Los Griegos Multi-Service Center, 1231 Candelaria NW  
**POC** - Police Oversight Commission, City/County Building, Lower Level, 1 Civic Plaza, 5th and Marquette  
**SEPC - Special Event Permitting Committee** - 6th floor, Cultural Services Department Conference Room, City Hall, 5th and Marquette  
**SVCNA** - South Valley Coalition of Neighborhoods Associations - South Valley BSCO Sheriff's Substation, 2039 Isleta SW.  
**SWAN** - South West Alliance of Neighborhoods, Alamosa Multi-Service Center, 6900 Gonzales SW  
**TAB** - Transit Advisory Board - Sun Van Conference Room, 601 Yale SE, **764-6121**  
**Westside Coalition** - Taylor Ranch Community Center, 4900 Kachina NW  
**ZHE** - Zoning Hearing Examiner, Plaza del Sol Hearing Room, Basement Level, 600 Second St. NW



**EPC Hearing Notice**

Publication of EPC hearing notices in the *Albuquerque Journal* will now occur on the **Wednesday - 22 days prior** to the public hearing on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month**. The hearing notice includes the time, place and date of the hearing along with a brief description of each application on the agenda. Previously, hearing notices were published 15 days before the public hearing. The reason for this change is to meet the advertising requirements for EPC study sessions which occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. Rather than advertising the hearing and study session separately, a single notice will be prepared to advertise both. Contact the Planning Department at **924-3860** if you have questions.

**Neighborhood Alert** – Be aware that public comments at EPC Meetings have a time limitation due to the length of the EPC Hearings. The **48-Hour Rule of the EPC**: All written materials and other documents shall be submitted to the Planning Dept. no later than **9 a.m.** on the **Tuesday** of the Public Hearing week. For an Appeal Hearing – no communication with EPC is allowed within five days of the Public Hearing.

**In order to make maximum use of the following information please note:**

- Scan the entire list to see if your neighborhood association has a case this month.
- The name and phone number of the developer/agent is listed so that you can easily contact them should you have any questions.
- The assigned staff planner is identified with each agenda item should you need additional information (i.e., check on the actual placement of your case on the agenda). All staff may be reached at **924-3860**.
- On the day of the Hearing, call Planning at **924-3860** and the receptionist will give you the status of the Hearing.
- Staff reports are available at the Planning Office beginning at **3 p.m.** on the **Thursday** prior to the EPC Hearing.

On the **2nd Thursday of each month**, the EPC has a Study Session to review the applications scheduled for the all-day public hearing which occurs on the **3rd Thursday of each month**. As with the Public Hearing, **the public is invited** to attend the Study Sessions; however, Study Sessions do not provide an open forum. Discussion is limited to staff and the EPC. Study Sessions regularly begin at **4 p.m.** in the Plaza del Sol Hearing Room. Please call the Planning Department at **924-3860** to confirm the Study Session schedule as adjustments are made occasionally.

Please note that the **Pre-Hearing Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.** in the Planning Conference Room, Third Floor. The **EPC Public Hearing** will be held on **Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 8:30 a.m.** in the Plaza del Sol (basement) Hearing Room for the following cases:

**Northwest**

**Coors Trail, Taylor Ranch (neighborhood association); 06EPC-00066, Project #1004647 (case #'s);** Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the east side Coors Boulevard NW between La Orilla Road NW and Bosque Plaza Loop NW (**location of request**); E-12 (**zone atlas page #**); Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for La Orilla Group, LLC (**applicant or agency and phone #**); Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 2,448 square foot stand-alone building, which will house the “*Panda Express Restaurant*” (**action requested**); Catalina Lehner at **924-3935 (city staff planner)**.

**Los Griegos, Rio Grande Blvd.; 06EPC-00090, Project #1004659;** Approximately less than one (1) acre(s) located on the north side Griegos Road NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and Griegos Road NW; F-13; Eladio F. Chavez at **345-3086**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from RA-2 to R-1 for a proposed second residence on the property; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

**Near North Valley; 06EPC-00116, Project #1004667;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side Los Arboles Avenue NW between Fourth Street NW and Candelaria Road NW; G-14; Darrell J. Blair at **610-1021**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-2 for a proposed Southwestern style duplex to provide affordable housing; Anna DiMambro at **924-3924**.

**No Association(s); 06EPC-00122, Project #1004322;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the west side of Carlton Street NW between Bellrose Avenue NW and Las Hermanas Street NW; G-15; Albert Carabajal and Michelle Lesicka at **344-5982**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from R-1 to R-T for a proposed energy efficient landscaped duplex with ample parking; Anna DiMambro at **924-3924**.

**Ladera West, Villages of Parkwest; 06EPC-00133, Project #1004672;** Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the east side of Unser Boulevard NW between St. Josephs Avenue NW and Vista Alegre Street NW; G-10; Laurie Moye, PNM at **241-2700**, agent for Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM); Requests approval of a EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed “*Unser Substation*” referenced in both the Facility Plan Electric Services Transmission and Sub transmission and the Facility Plan Electric Services, Transmission Facilities Plans; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

**No Association(s); 06EPC-00134, Project #1001620;** David S. Campbell, Esq. at **884-8444**, agent for Marie Coleman, d/b/a Church Street Café; Request approval of an Amendment to the Zoning Code H-1 Historic Zone; MaryEllen Hennessey at **924-3891**.

**No Association(s); 06EPC-00141 and 00139, Project #1000570;** Approximately five hundred six (506) acre(s) located on the south side of Arroyo Vista Boulevard NW between High Mesa Drive NW and 98<sup>th</sup> Street NW; J-7; Sites Southwest, LLC at **822-8200**, agent for Westland Development Company, Inc.; Requests approval for an EPC Sector Development Plan and a Zone Map Amendment from SU-2 for R-LT, R-2, O-1, PDA, OS to same but changed locations for a proposed TC Town Center and buffer for residential lands from the freeway; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

**La Luz Del Sol, La Luz Landowners, Quaker Heights, Taylor Ranch; 06EPC-00140, Project #1004675;** Approximately thirty (30) acre(s) located on the west side of Coors Boulevard NW between San Antonio Arroyo and south of La Luz del Oeste, Unit 4 Subdivision; F-11; Consensus Planning at **764-9801**, agent for TS McNaney and Associates; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision to develop sixty-seven (67) single-family detached lots and eighty-five (85) town home lots; Catalina Lehner at **924-3935**.

**Skies West; 06EPC-00142, Project #1004676;** Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the west side of Unser Boulevard NW between Night Whisper Road NW and Willow Road NW; A-11; Community Sciences Corporation at **897-0000**, agent for Alexander Samuels Realty Group, LLC; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 27,000 square foot Retail/Business Center comprised of two (2) buildings clustered partly around a central pedestrian/vehicular court; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

**Los Volcanes, S.R. Marmon, Vista Magnifica, West Bluff, West Mesa and Westside Merchants; 06EPC-00145, Project #1002717;** Approximately six (6) acre(s) located on the west side of Atrisco Drive NW between Ouray Road NW and I-40 Freeway; Advanced Engineering and Consulting, LLC at **899-5570**, agent for KB Homes; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed eighty-one (81) condominium units – “*SOLERA Condominiums*”; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

#### Northeast

**North Domingo Baca, West La Cueva; 06EPC-00078, Project #1004654;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the south side Holly Avenue NE between Louisiana Boulevard NE and Wyoming Boulevard NE; C-19; Tafazzul Hussain at **243-9093**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Building Permit for a proposed 7,800 square foot five (5) suite retail center, called the “*Paseo Place*”; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

**La Mesa Community Improvement; 06EPC-00108, Project #1004663;** Approximately one (1) acre(s) located on the east side Louisiana Boulevard NE between Domingo Road NE and Copper Avenue NE; K-19; Jonathan and Nina Le at **991-2334**; Requests approval of a Zone Map Amendment from O-1 to C-1 for a proposed small strip shopping center to provide a shopping/cultural activity center for the Asian community; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

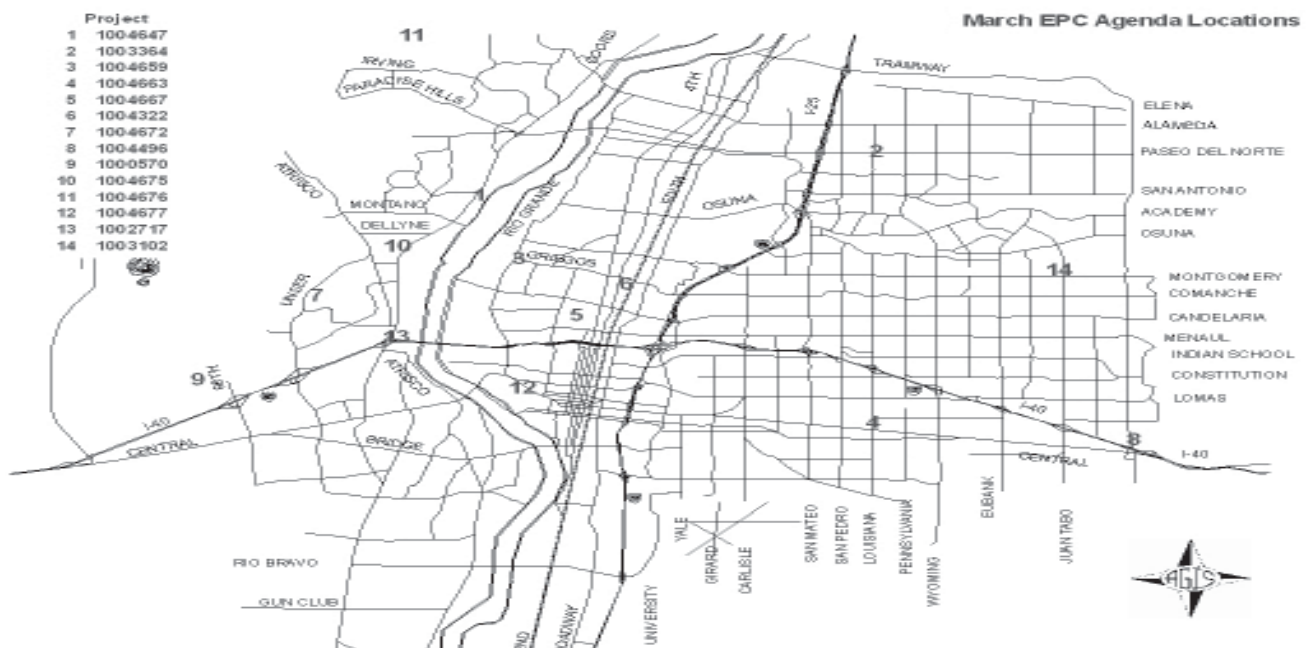
**Embudo Canyon, Supper Rock; 06EPC-00138, Project #1004496;** Approximately four (4) acre(s) located on the east side of Tramway Boulevard NE between Skyline Road NE and Encantado Road NE; K-23; Garcia/Kraemer and Associates at **242-5566**, agent for Tramway Associates, Inc.; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision to develop sixty-seven (67) single-family detached lots and eighty-five (85) town home lots; Stephanie Shumsky at **924-3933**.

**No Association(s); 06EPC-00146 and 00147, Project #1003102;** Approximately two (2) acre(s) located on the west side of Juan Tabo Boulevard NE between Lagrima de Oro Road NE and Montgomery Boulevard NE; F-21; Christopher Calott at **401-7844**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed “*Soft Lofts*” consisting of 34 three-story residential townhouse units on individually platted lots; David Stallworth at **924-3940**.

#### Southwest

**Downtown, Huning Castle; 06EPC-00143 and 00144, Project #1004677;** Approximately five (5) acre(s) located on the west side of Central Avenue SW between Laguna Boulevard SW and San Pasquale Avenue SW; J-13; Christopher Calott at **401-7844**; Requests approval of an EPC Site Development Plan for Subdivision and Building Permit for a proposed “*Country Club Plaza*” of residential and mixed-use infill project; Carmen Marrone at **924-3814**.

(Map Not To Scale For Reference Purposes Only)



# CITY SCOOP

## News From City Departments

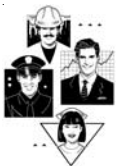
### APD

*A Message from Chief Raymond D. Schultz*

#### Mobile Speed Detection Van (MSDV)

As you may have heard, the Albuquerque Police Department deployed a Mobile Speed Detection Van (MSDV) in January 2006, with the objective of capturing speed violators in School zones. This van can be moved to any school zone within Albuquerque's city limits and it works rain or shine. The MSDV will be deployed for school zone enforcement Monday through Friday before and after school. One great aspect of the van is that it can be deployed to catch school zone speeders in the morning in the one part of the city, and in the afternoon it can be moved to catch speeders on the other side of the city.

The van has already proven to be an effective speed enforcement tool. Between August 2005 and September 2005, the APD issued 422 speeding citations in school zones. On the first morning that the van was deployed it was set up in two different locations, one at Morningside and Montgomery and the second at Edith and Lomas. Both of these locations had a school zone speed limit of 15 MPH. During the first morning of deployment, 496 vehicles went through the school zone, and at this time the APD was allowing for 5 MPH above the speed limit "grace" and only violators driving over 20 MPH were cited. During this first morning 51 violations were captured at the 2 school zones and the highest speed violation captured was 29 MPH in a 15 MPH zone. In this 1 hour and 16 minute of school zone enforcement operation, the APD issued \$5,100 worth of fines. The APD leases the van and equipment and hopes to obtain a second MSDV in the near future.



#### APD Crime Prevention 505-924-3600

*Submitted by Steve Sink*

#### Auto Theft Prevention

Auto theft is a problem for all Americans, but the citizens of New Mexico face a particular issue that affects our auto theft rate. Due to the fact that we are adjacent to an International Border, we are always ranked high on the list for theft rates. Typically, vehicles are stolen for one of four reasons. They are used to joy ride, sell for parts, commit a crime or driven across the border for resale. Also, more than 2/3 of all auto thefts take place at night between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. and over half occur in residential areas including apartment complexes. You can take a variety of steps to insure that you are not a victim of auto theft. Observe the following tips to reduce the chances of your vehicle from being stolen:

- Always roll up your windows, lock the doors, and take the key even if you will be away for a short time.
- Never leave your car running in front of a convenient store or other public area,

- including in front of your house. Warming up your car in the morning during the winter can make you more vulnerable.
- Park your vehicle in a garage (if possible) or in an area with adequate lighting and good natural surveillance.
- If you put your vehicle in for repairs or in a commercial lot, only leave the ignition key.
- Keep valuables in the trunk or out of site. Don't give a car thief a reason to break in.
- Purchase stereos, cellular phones, and other electronic equipment that can be removed.
- Theft Prevention Device: After years of false alarms, people have stopped paying attention to alarms. Any serious anti-theft device must do more than just make noise. If you want an audio alarm; use it in conjunction with other forms of prevention.

- A **kill switch** is a simple toggle device that shuts off the engine's ignition system.
- Steering wheel locks** are visible from outside the car and prevent the steering wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Collars** are devices that prevent the steering column from being stripped.
- Brake locks** prevent the brake from being engaged and therefore the transmission cannot be removed from the park position.
- Wheel locks** prevent the vehicle from being moved in any direction.
- Etching** vehicle parts with your VIN number can also be a deterrent. Professional thieves shy away from vehicles that have had the vehicle identification number (VIN) etched into the doors, windows, windshield, engine block, and other parts.

**CARJACKING:** Carjacking has become an easy way to steal vehicles, especially newer model large luxury cars and sport utility vehicles that have alarms and state-of-the-art anti-theft devices. As with any crime, criminals are looking for the path of least resistance. Avoid being a victim of this type of crime by observing the following tips:

- Always drive with windows rolled up and doors locked.
- Be aware of you surroundings when stopped at a traffic signal, parking lot, gas station, etc.
- When stopped at a signal, leave space in front of you to allow for evasive action and be prepared to carefully drive away.
- Take note of people approaching your vehicle for any reason.
- Prior to entering your car – if someone is loitering near the area, keep walking and seek help.
- Be alert at a drive-up ATM.
- If all else fails – don't resist.

The goal in preventing auto theft is to establish multiple layers of protection for you vehicle. Thieves are looking for the least path of resistance. Although no method is foolproof, consider where you park, theft prevention devices, and etching. However, spending money on anti-theft devices does not help if drivers don't follow the basic precaution of locking their cars, taking the key, and activating the anti-theft device.





## Office of Emergency Management, 505-833-7248

Submitted by Brian Fields, Emergency Management Planner

### Albuquerque Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

What would you do in the event your neighborhood suffered a major incident? Would you know how to respond to help your neighbors, friends or even your own family members? Albuquerque now has a program that trains people in neighborhoods, the workplace and schools in basic disaster response skills like fire suppression, urban search and rescue, and medical operations. CERT trainees take a more active role in emergency preparedness.

**What is CERT?** The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. The program trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

**How Does CERT benefit the Albuquerque community?** People who go through CERT training have a better understanding of the potential threats to their home, workplace and community. They can take the right steps to lessen the effects of these hazards on themselves, their homes or workplace. If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned during exercises to give critical support to their family, friends, neighbors or associates in their immediate area until help arrives. When help does arrive, CERTs provide useful information to responders and support their efforts, as directed, at the disaster site. CERT members also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community. CERTs have been used to distribute and/or install smoke alarms, replace smoke alarm batteries in the home of elderly, distribute disaster education material, provide services at special events, such as parades, sporting events, concerts and more.

**Why take the CERT training?** Albuquerque prepares for everyday emergencies. However, there can be an emergency or disaster that can overwhelm the community's immediate response capability. While adjacent jurisdictions, State and Federal resources can activate to help, there may be a delay for them getting to those who need them. The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making, organizational, and practical skills to offer immediate assistance while waiting for help. While people will respond to others in need without the training, the goal of the CERT program is to help people do so effectively and efficiently without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

**Who can take the training?** Nationals for the training are neighborhood watch, community organizations, communities of faith, school staff, workplace employees, scouting organization and other groups that come together regularly for a common purpose but it's not limited to just those individuals. Anyone desiring to become a CERT certified member and be a part of a CERT team can apply. Remember, CERT skills are useful in disaster and everyday life events.

**What will CERT training teach participants?** CERT training enhances participant's skills to the community. Instruction includes:

1. Describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their homes and communities.
2. Describe the function of CERT and their roles in immediate response.
3. Take steps to prepare themselves for a disaster.
4. Identify and reduce potential fire hazards in their homes and workplaces.
5. Work as a team to apply basic fire suppression strategies, resources, and safety measures to extinguish a burning liquid.
6. Apply techniques for opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating shock.
7. Conduct triage under simulated conditions.
8. Perform head-to-toe assessments.
9. Select and set up a treatment area.
10. Employ basic treatments for various wounds.
11. Identify planning and size-up requirements for potential search and rescue situations.
12. Describe the most common techniques for searching a structure.
13. Use safe techniques for debris removal and victim extrication.
14. Describe ways to protect rescuers during search and rescue.

If you would like to find out more about the CERT program or information about education and training opportunities, contact the Office of Emergency Management at 505-833-7248. General information on the CERT Program can be found at <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/CERT/>.



**Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority**

*Submitted by John Stomp and Patti Watson*

**San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project  
To Experience Busiest Construction Year In 2006**



This year – 2006 — will be the busiest of all four years of construction for the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project. Nine projects are currently underway, and construction is scheduled to begin on six additional projects.

The San Juan-Drinking Water Project will supply up to 70% of the Albuquerque Metropolitan Area's drinking water by diverting surface water from the Rio Grande, transporting the "raw" water to a new water treatment plant currently under construction, treating the water to purify it for drinking and distributing the water to customers in the Utility's service area.

Here's a list of projects completed, underway or planned for 2006

**Completed**

Don Pipeline – South Segment

November 2005

**Nearly Completed**

College Pipeline-Middle Segment

**Anticipated Completion Date**

February 2006

Westside Pipeline

March 2006

**Under Construction Now**

Diversion Dam/Fish Intake Structure

**Anticipated Completion Date**

April 2006

Eastside Pipeline

May 2006

Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline

May 2006

East Valley Pipeline

November 2006

West Valley Pipeline

December 2006

Raw Water Pipeline #1 from Diversion Dam

December 2006

Water Treatment Plant

March 2008

**Construction Scheduled to Begin Soon**

Leyendecker Pipeline

**Anticipated Start Date**

January 2006

North Segment Pipeline

April 2006

Raw Water Pipeline #2 to Treatment Plant

May 2006

Charles Wells Pipeline

June 2006

Coronado Pipeline

June 2006

Raw Water Pump Station

July 2006

Below is a brief description of major roads affected by each project:

**Northwest Albuquerque Area**

**Raw Water Pipeline #1 from the Diversion Dam** – Currently, construction is taking place east of the Rio Grande River along the Albuquerque Drain and just north of Paseo del Norte NW between Rio Grande Boulevard NW and the Drain. Also, crews are working on an underground tunnel at Paseo del Norte NW and Fourth Street NW.

**West Valley Pipeline** – Currently, construction is taking place along the Alameda Drain (near Matthew Avenue NW) from Twelfth Street NW heading west. Also, an underground tunnel is being completed along the Griegos Drain. Construction will move to Matthew Avenue NW soon.

**Northeast Albuquerque Area**

**Eastside Pipeline** – Osuna Road NE between the northbound I-25 frontage road and Seagull Lane NE currently has construction activity in the eastbound (south) lane with traffic shifted to the westbound (north) lane and one lane of traffic in each direction.

**East Valley Pipeline** – Currently, work is taking place on the east (northbound) lane of Edith Boulevard NE between Griegos Road NW/Comanche Road NE and Carmony Lane NE with all traffic lanes open on Edith Boulevard NE. This project will move to the middle of Montano Road NW (no traffic restrictions expected) this month.

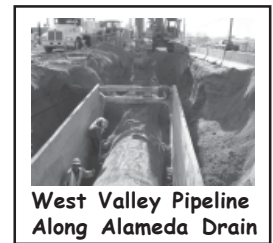
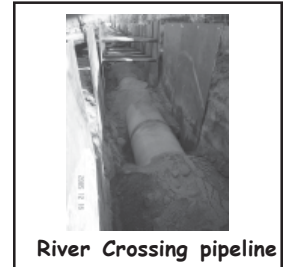
**Leyendecker Pipeline** – Work is scheduled to begin on this pipeline on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. Crews will begin work on the east side of San Pedro Drive NE south of Comanche Road NE. Only southbound traffic will be permitted during this phase of construction.

**Westside Albuquerque Area**

**Rio Grande Crossing Pipeline** – While the majority of construction activity for this pipeline is now in the Rio Grande River, Campbell Road NW just east of the river may have occasional restrictions as work is being performed in the Bosque. Traffic may also be affected on Sequoia Road NW west of the River from Sequoia Court NW to Alamogordo Drive NW.

**Westside Pipeline** – Currently, work is taking place in the two southbound lanes on Ladera Road NW just to the south of Sequoia Road NW. Traffic on Ladera Road NW will remain in the northbound lanes, with one lane open in each direction, until the end of the project, scheduled in late February or early March 2006.

**For More Information or to Schedule a Presentation:** If you would like to schedule a presentation on the San Juan-Chama Drinking Water Project for your neighborhood or homeowners association, please call Patti Watson or Shannon Jackson at **293-2000**. For more information about the project, visit our website at [www.sjcdinkingwater.org](http://www.sjcdinkingwater.org). If you would like to be added to our drinking water project information list, call **242-ROAD (242-7623)** or e-mail [pattiw@cooneywatson.com](mailto:pattiw@cooneywatson.com).



**Water Utility Department, Wastewater Utility Division**  
Submitted by Brynda Gutierrez

### Drought Conditions and Stormwater Runoff

It is no secret New Mexico is experiencing drought conditions right now. However, many people may not realize when drought conditions occur and the level of water in the Rio Grande drops it more important than ever to **think before you pour** any toxic chemical or waste into the storm sewer.

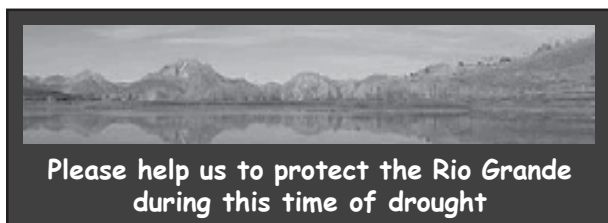
Since water levels are low in the Rio Grande toxic chemicals, are more concentrated when they are discharged to the storm sewer. Small amounts of dumping into storm sewers and arroyos add up to a big problem for the Rio Grande.

**Storm sewers are made for natural precipitation such as rain and snow pure and simple.** Any other type of discharge, including wastewater from washing driveways, business parking lots, wastewater from carpet cleaners, or food vendors **is illegal.**

For more information about protecting the Rio Grande, pollution prevention, and storm water control see the web sites listed below:

<[www.cabq.gov/flood/swpp.html](http://www.cabq.gov/flood/swpp.html)>  
<<http://nm.waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>>  
<<http://water.usgs.gov/waterwatch/>>  
<[www.nationalgeographic.com/earthpulse/sprawl](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/earthpulse/sprawl)>  
<<http://nm.water.usgs.gov/>>

This is another installment of a continuing series on how the City's Wastewater Utility Division works for customers, and how the community can help conserve and preserve our environment.



### Albuquerque Fire Department

Residents of Albuquerque,

As we all know this has been a very dry winter. This directly impacts the communities that border the Bosque and foothill area with respect to fire; consequently, you must take action before a fire starts.

We are asking these communities to be proactive in combating fires. Residents need to establish a minimum of 30 feet of survivable space. Survivable space is an area of reduced fuels between your home and the untouched wildland. This provides enough distance between the home and the wildfire to ensure that the home can survive without extensive effort from either the resident or the fire department.

Thank you,  
Mike Paiz, Captain, Albuquerque Fire Department



### Transit

#### Rapid Ride Offers Free High Speed Internet Access

Just over one year ago, Mayor Martin Chavez launched Rapid Ride and changed the face of public transportation in Albuquerque. Now that service can appeal to even more people by offering free high speed wireless internet access on all Rapid Ride vehicles and several Rapid Ride stations. With a wireless-enabled laptop passengers can surf the internet, exchange e-mail and chat with friends, family and co-workers while aboard Rapid Ride. Messages are encrypted for security.

The following Rapid Ride Stations now have wi-fi access:

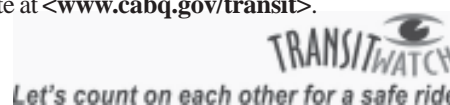
- The Southwest Mesa Park & Ride on the corner of Central NW and Unser NW.
- The University of New Mexico Station on Westbound Central NE and Yale NE.
- The Nob Hill Station on Eastbound Central SE just east of Carlisle SE.
- The Uptown Transit Center located on America's Parkway NE just south of Coronado Mall.
- And in Downtown, the Fourth Street Mall area between Central NW and Copper NW has also been incorporated into this project.

#### ABQ RIDE Launches Transit Watch

In the post-9/11 environment of heightened attention to safety and security, it's not surprising that public transit agencies nationwide are enthusiastically embracing *Transit Watch*. The campaign provides information and instructions to transit passengers and employees so that they know what to do and whom to contact in the event of an emergency in a transit setting. ABQ RIDE is pleased to join fellow agencies across the country in launching this safety and security awareness program in Albuquerque.

*Transit Watch* utilizes transit employees, passengers and neighborhood residents, urging them to stay alert and work together to maintain a safe transit environment. The objective is similar to the successful nationwide *Neighborhood Watch* crime prevention program implemented by the National Sheriff's Association in the early 1970s. *Transit Watch* was developed as a safety and security awareness program, recognized by transit employees, riders and the general public. The campaign will also help foster the role of transit as a safe haven in communities across the country.

For further information about *Transit Watch* call **243-RIDE** or log onto our website at <[www.cabq.gov/transit](http://www.cabq.gov/transit)>.





## Legal Department

*Alternative Dispute Resolution Division*

*Submitted by Shannon Watson, Esq.*

The **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** Office offers Albuquerque Citizens two beneficial programs for their neighborhoods – the Land Use Facilitation Program and the Community Mediation Program.

The **Land Use Facilitation Program** is available to Applicants and Neighborhoods during the Planning Department process. A professional facilitator schedules a meeting to provide an opportunity for neighborhoods and applicants to share information, ask questions, and discuss concerns about proposed projects.

Following the meeting, the facilitator generates a Facilitated Meeting Report that is incorporated into the Planning Department staff report. The Planning Department Hearing Boards use the Facilitated Meeting Report in considering the questions, concerns, and issues of meeting participants within the context of City Plans, Policies and Ordinances.

The **Community Mediation Program** is a process designed for Albuquerque citizens and neighbors to resolve conflict and disputes within their own community. Community Mediation provides an opportunity for neighbors to discuss possible solutions that reflect the unique needs and interests of their problem.

Both programs are offered free of charge and participation is voluntary. If you would like additional information about either of these programs or if you would like assistance in determining if these programs would be helpful to a situation specific to your Neighborhood, please contact the **ADR Office at 505-768-4500**.

## Solid Waste Department



### Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB) Annual Clothes Collection

It's time to clean out your closets and help those in need!

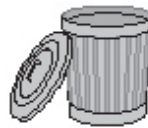
Bring your clean, reusable clothing to the  
Solid Waste Management Department, 4600 Edith NE  
(Edith at Griegos)

**March 10 - May 10, 2006**

All donations will be given to Albuquerque Rescue Mission.

### Keep Albuquerque Beautiful (KAB) Neighborhood Funding Opportunity Neighborhood Streetscape Grant Application Deadline - March 3, 2006

This grant provides funding to neighborhood associations, clubs or civic groups that are interested in improving an eyesore area with a beautification project. This grant aims to encourage community pride and responsibility. For an application or further information, please call **KAB at 761-8334**.



## Talkin' Trash

*Submitted by Tina Trekker*

### Recycle That Wreck!



The Mayor's Anti-Litter Task Force has joined forces with **Albuquerque Car Crushers** and **Rich Ford** in an effort to rid our City of inoperable and abandoned vehicles. Mayor Martin J. Chávez has proclaimed March 2006 **"Recycle Your Vehicle Month"**.

Albuquerque residents who have inoperable or abandoned vehicles on their property can have their vehicle towed and crushed – **Free of Charge!** There is absolutely no cost to the owner or the City of Albuquerque. Those residents who take advantage of this service will be entered into a drawing where they can win a previously owned, certified vehicle, donated by Rich Ford. Section 14-16-2-6R-1 (h) of City Comprehensive Zoning Code clearly states, "motor vehicles which are not parked inside a building are operative and are not wholly or partially dismantled".

Here's how you can participate:

- On or after March 1 – call the Citizen Contact Center by dialing **311**.
- Tell them you have a vehicle you would like towed and crushed for **"Recycle Your Vehicle Month"**.
- Albuquerque Car Crushers will ask you to sign a disposal affidavit if you do not have proof of ownership on the vehicle you would like towed.
- Albuquerque Car Crushers will give you a convenient day and time to tow your vehicle away. Albuquerque Car Crushers will properly dispose of all hazardous materials inside the vehicle such as the battery, gasoline, oil, Freon, etc.
- Once your vehicle(s) is towed, you will be eligible for a chance to win a previously owned, certified, 2000 Ford Contour, donated by Rich Ford. The winner of the Ford Contour will be drawn at the Mayor's Annual Spring Cleanup on **Saturday, April 29, 2006**.

How hard is that? It's a great opportunity to get rid of those nasty, rusting, dilapidated vehicles sitting beside your house, clean up the yard and earn a chance to win a **free** 2000 Ford Contour! Sounds like a win-win situation.



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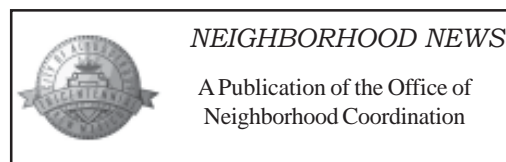
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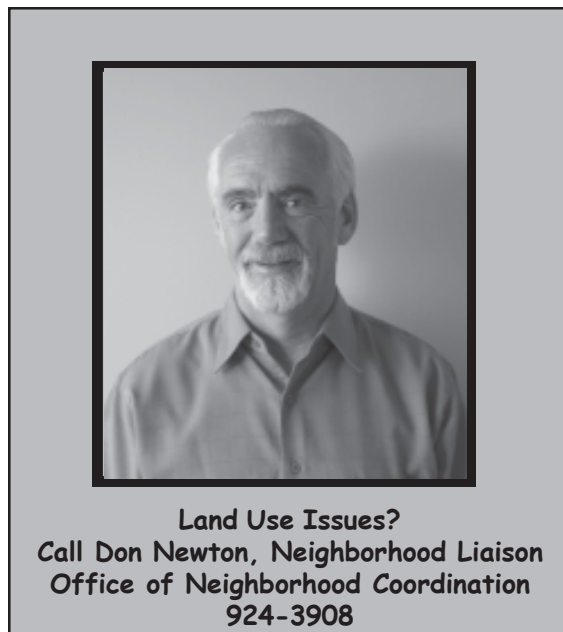
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